

Quick Reference Guide Government Users

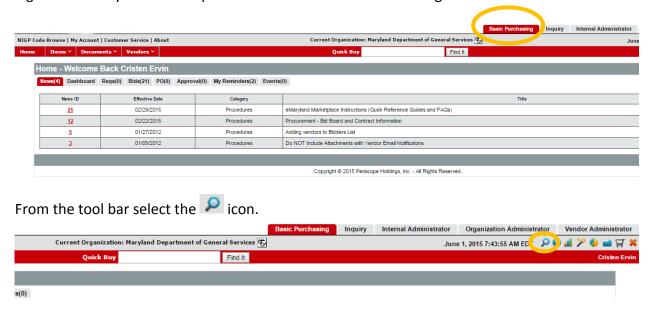
Searching For Businesses and Business Information (Including SBR)

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Performing a Business Search

There are over 36,000 businesses registered in eMaryland Marketplace, of which over 5,000 are registered in the Small Business Reserve. As a Government user, you may need to identify information on businesses registered in eMaryland Marketplace. This Quick Reference Guide provides a walk-through of searching for Businesses, including how to search for Small Business Reserve firms.

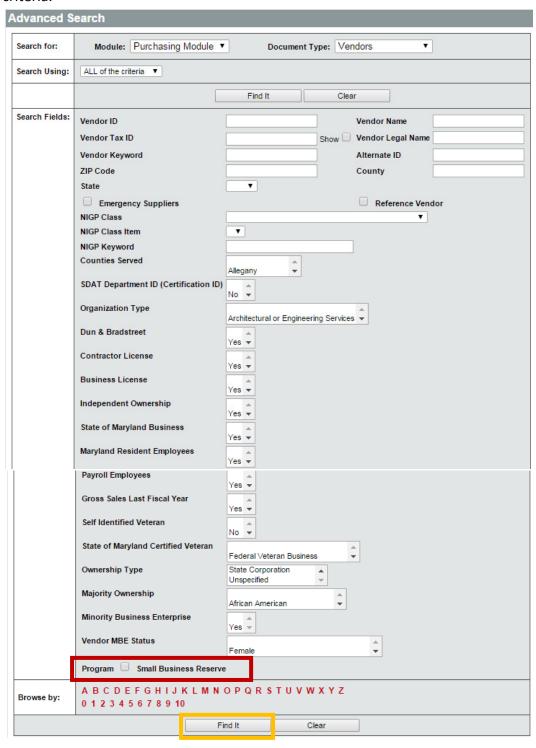
Sign onto eMaryland Marketplace and select the Basic Purchasing tab.



From the drop-down menu next to Document Type, select Vendors.



The Advance Search screen will open allowing you to search for vendors by using a variety of search criteria.



Notable Search Fields:

You may perform a search using one or multiple search fields. You may select to search on **ALL of The criteria** limiting your results to businesses who fall under all categories of information you are searching for. You may also select to search on **ANY of the criteria** which will result in all businesses fitting any of the criteria selected being listed.

After entering in all of the desired search criteria, select Find It at the bottom of the screen.

Note: If you would like to limit your search results to small businesses only, be sure to check the box next to Program Small Business Reserve at the bottom of the screen.

<u>Vendor ID</u> – If you know the vendors eMaryland Marketplace vendor number, you may input that information here to perform a search.

<u>Vendor Name</u> – If you know the name of the vendor you are searching for, you may input that information here to perform a search.

<u>Vendor Tax ID</u> – If you know the tax identification number of the business you are searching for, you many enter that information here to perform a search.

<u>Vendor Keyword</u> – If you would like to search for businesses based on keyword in the business name, enter the keyword you would like to search with here.

<u>Zip Code</u> – If you would like to search for vendors within a certain zip code, enter the zip code here to perform a search.

<u>County</u> – Although this search field is an option, it is not recommended this field is used for a vendor search. This field is not a required field; therefore, results may be very limited.

<u>State</u> – If you would like to search for vendors within a certain state, select the state from the drop-down box to perform a search.

<u>NIGP Class</u> – If you would like to search for vendors that provide a specific product or services, you may search for the product or service by selecting the NIGP code. First, select an NIGP code class from the drop-down box.

<u>NIGP Class Item</u> – To narrow your search results to a specific product, select a NIGP class item from the drop-down box.

<u>NIGP Keyword</u> – You may perform a search for a business who provides a specific product or service by entering a keyword into the NIGP Keyword box.

<u>Counties Served</u> – You may search for businesses based on the counties they serve. Tip: businesses may not accurately select all counties so using this option may limit your results.

<u>Self Identified Veteran</u> – During registration, businesses are asked to identify themselves as a veteran business. Businesses who select yes to this question will appear in the results of this

search. Note: this information is provided by the vendor and not verified by the State of Maryland.

<u>State of Maryland Certified Veteran</u> – A business in this category has been identified and verified by the State of Maryland through the U.S. vetbiz.gov site.

<u>Majority Ownership</u> – During registration, businesses are asked to identify their majority ownership. This information is provided by the business and not verified by the State of Maryland.

<u>Minority Business Enterprise</u> – Although this is an option in eMaryland Marketplace, we encourage users to utilize the official MBE listing maintained by the Maryland Department of Transportation <u>Office of Minority Business Enterprise</u> when searching for Minority Business Enterprises.

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Browse By- You may also browse the directory by business name.

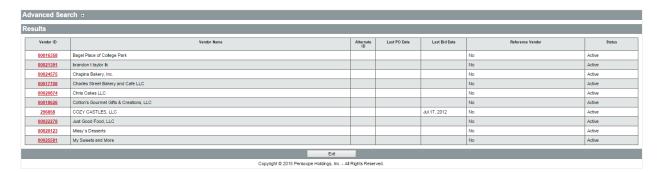
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Your results will appear at the bottom of the screen.



You may click on the red vendor number to obtain more information on the vendor, including contact information (under Organization Information), information on their SBR certification (under Program), and a listing of NIGP commodity codes they have registered with (under Commodity Codes and Services).

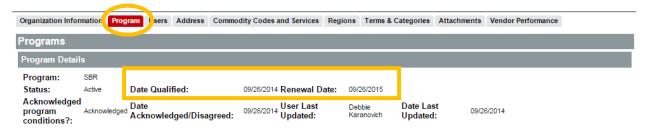
Vendor Profile - Bagel Place of College Park

Organization Information Program Users Address Commodity Codes and Services Regions Terms & Categories Attachments Vendor Performance

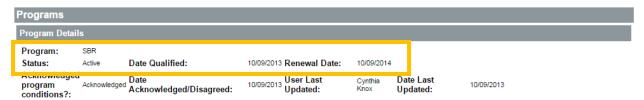
Determining if a Business is Active in the Small Business Reserve

To determine if a businesses is still certified in the Small Business Reserve, select Program from the Vendor Profile screen. The Date Qualified shows the date of the initial certification (or most recent re-certification). The Renewal Date is the date which a business must re-certify to remain in the program. Businesses are required to re-certify each year by the anniversary date of their most recent certification. If a business fails to re-certify by this date, they are no longer considered a certified small business and are no longer active in the SBR program.

If it is prior to the Renewal Date, the business is still active in the SBR Program.



Note: The Status field showing Active does not indicate that the business is currently certified in the Small Business Reserve. You will notice in the screen shot below, the Status indicates Active; however the Renewal Date has passed. This vendor is NOT an SBR because their certification has expired.



Locating a SBR Firm's Certification Number

The program tab from the Vendor's Profile does not list the certification number; however this information is easily obtainable by performing a public vendor search.

Make sure you are logged out of eMaryland Marketplace and visit the eMaryland Marketplace homepage at www.emarylandmarketplace.com. Click on **Search for Vendors**.

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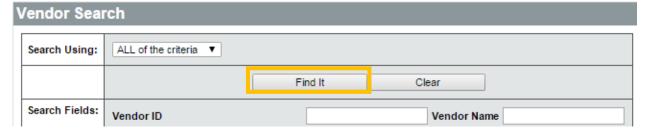
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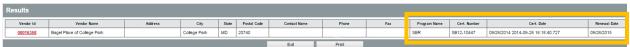
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From the Vendor Search screen, enter the vendor ID (eMM ID) or Vendor Name. Click Find It.



Your search results will display at the bottom of the screen. If the vendor is registered in the Small Business Reserve, the Program Name field will be populated with SBR. You will find the corresponding certification number, certification date, and renewal date in the columns to the right.



Performing a Public Search for Businesses

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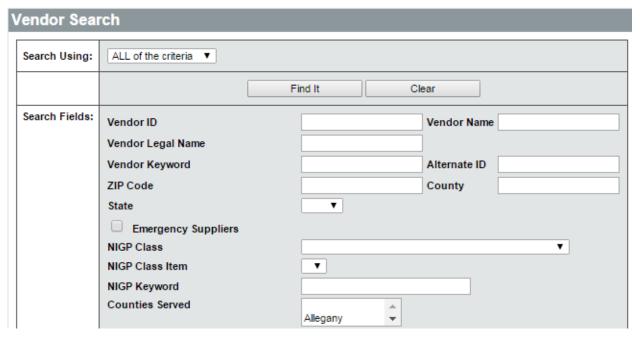
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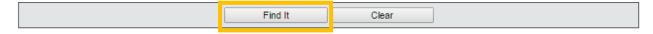
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You will see columns for Program Name, Cert Number, Cert Date, and Renewal Date. These fields all apply to the SBR Program. If the Program Name field is populated with an SBR, the businesses is currently registered and certified as a Small Business Reserve firm. You will note their corresponding certification number, certification date, and renewal date in the columns to the right.